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February 28th, 1955.

Miss Betty Hagge, Librarian,
Scott County Library,
Eldridge, Iowa.

Dear Betty:

I have been wanting to write to you for sometime to ask you about County Fair. It seems to me that you have had the Bookmobile at your Fair for several years, what type of material do you give out and how much do you have on hand?

We hope to have the Bookmobile at the Dubuque County Fair the three days August 16th, 17th and 18th of August. We thought that we would have a small annual report printed just the statistical portion of the report.

We would appreciate it if you could send us a sample of what you give out and about how much you have on hand to give out.

Best wishes to the staff all of them, especially Joe.

Catherine
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April 5, 1955

Miss Catherine Seitz, Librarian
Dubuque County Library
Court House
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Catherine,

Quite a while since the 28th of February which is when you wrote asking about materials we use at the County Fair. It isn't that I don't intend to answer, it's just that the immediate things have to be taken care of first! Most of them are out of the way temporarily, so I'm trying to get my desk cleaned off.

Yes, we do take the bookmobile to the county fair every summer. We've had the same parking space now for several years right near the women's exhibit building, so lots of people come and go by the thing. We try to have a few folding chairs to set up outside the bookmobile for people to stop for a few minutes to rest their weary bones or to wait for someone if they care to. All we've handed out at any time is a brief statistical report, a copy of the fall and winter schedule, and a brief book list or two. We have had one for the men on farming books and shop books, and that type of thing, and one for women on cookbooks, homemaking, decorating, etc. We don't do a lot of it because most of the stuff just winds up on the ground on the midway, anyway. But for the past few years we have had our winter schedule ready for distribution and in talking to the visitors we find out if they live in our bookmobile territory, and if they do we give them a copy of the new schedule. We begin operating on that very shortly after the fair, for school begins a couple weeks later, and that's when we go into our winter schedule.

We usually have only a few hundred copies of whatever lists we're handing out. Sorry I don't have a sample of anything on hand now. We don't have a mimeograph of our own, so we don't do as much of that kind of publicity as I'd like to do.

We're doing a rather fancy annual report - or rather I should say a five year report this year, and having another open house on our fifth anniversary. You'll be getting an invitation one of these days. It's to be Sun. afternoon, May 1, from 1:30 - 4:00.

Best wishes for another successful year with the Dubuque County Library.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hage